

HOUSE BILL 1321

By Helton-Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49  
and Title 55, relative to the use of global  
positioning systems while operating school buses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-192(c), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (1); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (2) and substituting instead "; or"; and by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) The use of a portable electronic device for navigation of the school bus through use of the device's global positioning system if:

(A) Neither of the driver's hands are used to hold the device or to enter data into the device while the school bus is in motion;

(B) The device is mounted on the school bus's windshield, dashboard, or center console area in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road;  
and

(C) The driver views only data related to the navigation of the school bus.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.